

What is claimed is:

1. A copyright licensing process promoting apparatus for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting a file of literary work data tried to be transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

content determining means for determining whether or not the content of the file tried to be transmitted to the communication network and detected by said detecting means is valid; and

file processing means for performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when the determined result of said content determining means is not valid.

2. The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

searching means for searching for a location at which a file of literary work data described on a predetermined list is stored, the list being referenced on the communication network,

wherein said detecting means detects the file tried to be transmitted, the file being stored at the location searched by said searching means.

3. The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein said content determining means determines that the content of the file is not valid when the content of the file is destroyed.

4. The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

literary work data determining means for determining whether the content of the file tried to be transmitted is literary work data; and

copyright licensing process determining means for determining whether a copyright licensing process has been performed for literary work data,

wherein said content determining means determines that the content of the file is valid corresponding to the determined result of said literary work data determining means and the determined result of said copyright licensing process determining means that represent that the content of the file is literary work data and the predetermined copyright licensing process has not been performed for the file.

5. The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the predetermined process performed by said file processing means is a process for destroying the file.

6. The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the predetermined process performed

by said file processing means is a process for deleting the file.

7. The copyright licensing process promoting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

informing means for informing the user of the terminal unit that the content of the file is not valid when the determined result of said content determining means represents that the content of the file is not valid,

wherein said file processing means performs the predetermined process when the terminal unit tries to transmit the file although said informing means has informed the user that the content of the file is not valid.

8. A copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted on a communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data tried to be transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether or not the content of the file tried to be transmitted to the communication network and detected at the detecting step is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when the determined

result at the content determining step represents that the content of the file is not valid.

9. A copyright licensing process promoting program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted on a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data tried to be transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether or not the content of the file tried to be transmitted to the communication network and detected at the detecting step is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when the determined result at the content determining step represents that the content of the file is not valid.

10. The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process promoting program is supplied from the network to the terminal unit.

11. The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process

promoting program is built in the terminal unit.

12. The copyright licensing process promoting program as set forth in claim 9,

wherein the copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded on a record medium along with literary work data and supplied to the terminal unit.

13. A record medium on which a copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded, the program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method for promoting a copyright licensing process for literary work data transmitted on a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data tried to be transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether or not the content of the file tried to be transmitted to the communication network and detected at the detecting step is valid; and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when the determined result at the content determining step represents that the content of the file is not valid.

14. A record medium on which a copyright licensing process promoting program is recorded along

with literary work data, the program causing a computer device to perform a copyright licensing process promoting method comprising the steps of:

detecting a file of literary work data tried
5 to be transmitted from a terminal unit to the communication network;

determining whether or not the content of the file tried to be transmitted to the communication network and detected at the detecting step is valid;
and

performing a predetermined process for the file before the file is transmitted when the determined result at the content determining step represents that the content of the file is not valid.